



Application No. 08/756,257

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John D. Schellenberg  
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Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to Office action dated December 20, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

29. (Twice Amended) A method for guiding the movement of a surgical tool with respect to the anatomy of a patient having a patient reference frame, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying an image of the anatomy of the patient on a display disposed remote from the surgical tool;

determining a desired position of the tool based on the displayed image;

determining a direction the tool must be moved to reach a desired position;

determining an actual position of a position indicator having an indicator reference frame, wherein the position indicator is mounted to the tool and the step of determining an actual position of the position indicator includes determining an actual position of the tool; and

utilizing the position indicator to indicate to a human the magnitude of the distance the tool must be

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